

*The Opposition members excepting the members of the C.P.I. staged a walk out.*

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—You were please! to say that he has not participated. Now I am saying he has read and gone. The portion read by him should not go to the records since he has not participated in the discussion.

MADAM SPEAKER.—They said that they have not participated. I am saying that they have participated. You can take it that they have participated. This is the third time I am saying this.

† SRI BHEEMAPPA SIVANNA (Kalmala).—I wholeheartedly support the 44th amendment of the Constitution of India passed by the Parliament. I want to bring to the notice of the House how the Constitution was made and how the Constituent Assembly came into being. In 1924 the father of the Nation—Mahatma Gandhi expressed that the Constitution should be made out of his own people and it should be Indian made and it should not be a gift from British. Ultimately the Constitution was given by the Indian people themselves to this country in the year 1946 on 14th December. What I want to say in this connection is that the struggle of our people, our great leaders, patriots and the Indian National Congress made was great and the role they played was unique in bringing out the Constitution to this country. First let us see what is preamble which our great leaders have given to this country. I am told there was a lot of difficulties when the Constitution was framed. I am told that the great role played by Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru had made it easy to frame the Constitution. I can say he was the pioneer of socialism and this country owes indebtedness to Jawaharlal Nehru and his daughter Smt. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister of India. When the country was in confusion, he said at Lahore in 1929 that “he was a socialist and a republican. I do not believe in Kings and Monarchs.” Though he was borne in a very big family, we can see the magnanimity of Panditji. You can see how he struggled for the good of the country. There are many people who sacrificed their lives for the country. There are many people who played their role which is a history that should go in the history of the Nation. In the Constituent Assembly there were many eminent people as members. Some of the Lawyers were telling in those days, as I am told, that the Constituent Assembly is nothing but Lawyers’ Paradise. It is very simple. You can see what is in the Preamble what is in the fundamental principles or rights, directive principles, functions of the States, the relationship between the Centre and the States and Judiciary. The Parliament has constitutional power to make amendments to the Constitution according to the provisions of the